

MULHOLLAND HIGHWAY FEASIBILITY STUDY
PUBLIC WORKSHOP NO. 1 - COMMENT AND RESPONSE SUMMARY

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1	Comment Card	3/4/2020	Is this already approved by the City because it sounds that way. IE, when suggested a bike lane it was stated the city is planning/prefers shoulders. A response would be appreciated if possible. Thank you.	Pedestrian / Bike	The City has reviewed the possibility of installing continuous width bike lanes through this segment of Mulholland Highway. Because of existing constraints (power poles, hillsides and property lines), providing a continuous bikeway would be cost and environmentally prohibitive given the Project's measure M budget and the continuous roadway width required for a bike lane. Alternatively, narrowing Mulholland Highway to provide additional bikeway width is not possible because the existing roadway is one lane in each direction. A widened shoulder with varying width, as proposed, would accommodate existing project constraints and improve cycling conditions by increasing the cycling area and providing a more level riding surface.
2	Comment Card	3/4/2020	Protect the poles!	Utilities	The Project will evaluate Traffic safety measures that include guardrail placement at powerpole locations. The powerpoles along the corridor are owned by Southern California Edison.
3	Comment Card	3/4/2020	Think about fire evacuation eventually!	Safety	The Sheriff's Office is in command during major evacuation incidents such as fire or earthquake. City emergency evacuation information is available on the City website at https://www.cityofcalabasas.com/emergency.html . In addition, Mulholland Highway is constrained and widening the roadway to provide additional lanes is cost and environmentally prohibitive. Also, note that the roads capacity bordering the City limits and within other jurisdictions, is also limited.
4	Comment Card	3/4/2020	Linkages amongst CHS, Headwaters Corner, Wild Walnut Park, MRCA Parkland, Creekside Park/ Kamp Calabasas etc. -underpass between wild walnut pk & headwaters using old & new drainage culverts.	Pedestrian / Bike	A pedestrian underpass under Old Topanga Canyon Road (West) and/or Mulholland Highway using existing or new drainage culverts is not recommended because of its high cost, environmental impact, and safety concerns. Safety concerns include: the underpass may encourage homeless encampments, be unsafe or difficult to access during storm events, may encourage crime, and would require additional lighting.
5	Comment Card	3/4/2020	Undergrounding utilities where feasible should be on the wish list- we did it at Alice C. Stelle [Middle] School.	Utilities	Undergrounding overhead utilities is considered cost prohibitive on this project, given the Project's Measure M budget.
6	Comment Card	3/4/2020	Watershed management planning would help find other budgeting resources to help with enhancing the corridor & its "utility" water storage & reclaimed water availability for firefighting & resiliency.	Funding	Noted. The City will work with the LA County Flood Control District for watershed planning in the area.
7	Comment Card	3/4/2020	Rounded curb & gutters on "sidewalks" for emergency lane making.	Safety	Noted. The Project will investigate curb and gutter alternatives.

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8	Comment Card	3/4/2020	Expand the budget and time horizon - more MTA money over time, water supply, and reclamation money, MRCA/SMMC Money & USDA/NRCS money.	Funding	Noted. The City has been diligently working and will continue to work with various funding agencies to secure additional funding for improvement and/or construction of new infrastructures in the City.
9	Comment Card	3/4/2020	Please do not urbanize the scenic corridor.	Aesthetics	It is not the intent of this project to alter the aesthetic appearance of the corridor. In fact, the City General Plan designates this segment of Mulholland Highway as a scenic / rural corridor. The purpose of this project is to improve safety, reduce erosion and improve traffic flow between Viewpoint School and Old Topanga Canyon Road (East) while preserving the rural/rustic appearance of Mulholland Highway.
10	Comment Card	3/4/2020	Work with schools to stagger hours & viewpoint to bus.	Traffic	Staggered school hours have been implemented. Currently, Viewpoint school offers busing as well as other transportation means.
11	Comment Card	3/4/2020	Widening Mulholland will not solve the issues. This is caused by Waze & schools as you can tell by lack of traffic "off peak" hours.	Traffic	It is not the intent of this project to widen Mulholland Highway within the City for an additional lane. The issues this project intends to solve are: improve safety, reduce erosion and improve traffic flow between Viewpoint School and Old Topanga Canyon Road (East) on Mulholland Highway.
12	Comment Card	3/4/2020	The park is WILD walnut. It is not for urbanization or sidewalks or retaining walls. Thank you.	Aesthetics	Noted. It is the intent of this project to improve safety and accessibility for all modes of transportation especially pedestrian access to a recreation area (Wild Walnut Park). The sidewalk proposed on this project will connect Old Topanga Canyon Road East to Old Topanga Canyon West on Mulholland Highway. Additionally the City will be constructing/improving sidewalk on Mulholland Highway, east of Old Topanga Canyon Road East adjacent to Calabasas High School, further improving pedestrian access. The City will investigate alternative sidewalk materials to blend into the rural character of the roadway.
13	Comment Card	3/4/2020	Please add an option to your website where residents can enter comments directly.	General Comment	A comment section has been added to the Project website found here: http://www.cityofcalabasas.com/projects/mulholland-highway-corridor.html
14	Comment Card	3/4/2020	I would like to have a pedestrian accommodation (sidewalks) to Wild Walnut P[ark] from Valmar to Old Topanga as there will be a dog/kid within Wild Walnut.	Pedestrian / Bike	Noted. It is the intent of this project to improve safety and accessibility for all modes of transportation especially pedestrian access to a recreation area (Wild Walnut Park). The sidewalk proposed on this project will connect Old Topanga Canyon Road (East) to Old Topanga Canyon Road (West) on Mulholland Highway. Additionally, the City in a separate project will be constructing/improving the sidewalk on Mulholland Highway, east of Old Topanga Canyon Road (East) adjacent to Calabasas High School, further improving pedestrian access.

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15	Comment Card	3/4/2020	Mulholland Highway road is terrible. It is loud and noisy. Need new paving.	General Comment	The City, in a separate project, will be resurfacing the segment of Mulholland Highway between Canyon Drive and Dry Canyon Cold Creek Road in the Summer of 2020. The remaining segment between Dry Canyon Cold Creek Road and Old Topanga Canyon Road (East) will be done in conjunction with improvements identified in this study.
16	Comment Card	3/4/2020	Power poles along the corridor are metal now. Are they going to be painted brown? The scenic corridor is not very scenic.	Utilities	The project is not proposing to paint the powerpoles. This comment has been sent to SCE for consideration. SCE is the owner and operator of utility poles along Mulholland Highway.
17	Comment Card	3/4/2020	Love the sidewalk or decomposed granite pathway. Happy to address Viewpoint School concerns	Pedestrian / Bike	Noted.
18	Verbal Comment	3/4/2020	The Community expressed concerns with Viewpoint School: -parents will utilize widened shoulder as parking. -Bus to viewpoint is cost prohibitive. -Can school start times be changed? -Viewpoint parents make illegal u-turns at Park South driveway entrance.	Viewpoint	The project proposes to widen the existing shoulder to 4' or 6', which is too narrow of a space to safely park within and will discourage people from utilizing the shoulder as parking. Staggered school start times have been implemented and Viewpoint school offers busing as well as other transportation means.
19	Verbal Comment	3/4/2020	-Community questioned the purpose/need of sidewalk. Who will use the sidewalk? -Community expressed the desire for a sidewalk near Mulholland as they believe Mulholland is unsafe for pedestrians near Wild Walnut Park. -Can a multi-use path be built over a sidewalk? -Can sidewalks be rolled curb over standard curb/gutter? -Can the sidewalk be asphalt or decomposed granite (DG) over concrete? -Community would like to retain their rural character which does not include sidewalks.	Pedestrian / Bike	It is the intent of this project to improve safety and accessibility for all modes of transportation especially pedestrian access to a recreation area (Wild Walnut Park). The sidewalk proposed on this project will connect Old Topanga Canyon Road East to Old Topanga Canyon West on Mulholland Highway. Additionally the City will be constructing/improving sidewalk on Mulholland Highway, east of Old Topanga Canyon Road East adjacent to Calabasas High School, further improving pedestrian access. The City will investigate alternative sidewalk materials to keep the rural character of the roadway. A wide multi-use trail is not recommended due to the additional roadway width required.
20	Verbal Comment	3/4/2020	Community member expressed concern over left-turn into Wild Walnut Park from OTCR (W) during peak queuing times. How will this be resolved?	Traffic	A "Keep Clear" zone with supplemental pavement marking and signage will be designated adjacent to the entry of the park. This is to prohibit cars from blocking the park's entrance.

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21	Verbal Comment	3/4/2020	Community members expressed the desire for bike lane over a widened shoulder noting Mulholland is currently unsafe for bikes.	Pedestrian / Bike	The City has reviewed the possibility of installing bike lanes through this segment of Mulholland Highway. Because of existing constraints (power poles, hillsides and property lines), providing a continuous width bikeway would be cost and environmentally prohibitive given the Project's measure M budget and the continuous roadway width required for a bike lane. Alternatively, narrowing Mulholland Highway to provide additional bikeway width is not possible because the existing roadway is one lane in each direction. A widened shoulder with varying width, as proposed, would accommodate existing project constraints and improve cycling conditions by increasing the cycling area and providing a more level riding surface.
22	Verbal Comment	3/4/2020	-A community member noted that all poles should be steel as a fire was started in the past due to a wooden pole. -Can Power Poles be undergrounded? -All above ground poles should be protected.	Utilities	This comment has been forwarded to SCE for input. SCE is the owner and operator of utility poles along Mulholland Highway. Undergrounding power lines as part of this project is considered cost prohibitive given the Project's Measure M budget. Also, as noted above, this Project will evaluate traffic safety systems that includes evaluating existing and new guardrail placement.
23	Verbal Comment	3/4/2020	-Aesthetics are important. Please preserve the rural / rustic / natural character of the corridor. -Rustic / blended retaining walls are preferred.	Aesthetics	It is not the goal of this project to alter the appearance of Mulholland Highway. As a matter of fact, Mulholland Highway is classified as a rural highway in the City's General Plan.
24	Verbal Comment	3/4/2020	-One community member noted that OTCR (W) / Dry Canyon Cold Creek Rd is utilized as a detour around viewpoint for bikers. Will this project affect the ability to use that road? -In addition, turning left from Mulholland to OTCR(W) is dangerous for bikers. Can it be made better?	Pedestrian / Bike	The project will not affect Old Topanga Canyon Road (West) behind Viewpoint School. Signalization of Old Topanga Canyon Road (West) at Mulholland Highway will provide a dedicated left-turn phase which will greatly improve left-turn safety.
25	Verbal Comment	3/4/2020	Please do not add lighting along Mulholland Highway.	Utilities	Lighting is required for safety purposes with the new proposed signalized intersection at Mulholland Hwy/Old Topanga Canyon Rd West. No lighting otherwise will be implemented with the Project.
26	Verbal Comment	3/4/2020	Can traffic circles be implemented to help slow traffic?	Safety	The available roadway space is prohibitive to installing traffic circles (roundabouts) without notable environmental and right of way impacts.
27	Verbal Comment	3/4/2020	The community inquired on the project construction schedule and whether or not temporary roadway / detours would be built.	Schedule	The Project would likely be phased due to the Project's measure M budget.

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28	Verbal Comment	3/4/2020	Please post PowerPoint to City website	General Comment	The March 4, 2020 Public Workshop PowerPoint is available at: http://www.cityofcalabasas.com/projects/Mulholland-Highway-Corridor/Mulholland-Pub-Workshop-PP.pdf
29	Verbal Comment	3/4/2020	Community member expressed concern over corridor evacuation plan. Are additional lanes possible?	Safety	The Sheriff's Office is in command of evacuation during major incidents such as fire or earthquake. City emergency evacuation information can be found on the City website at https://www.cityofcalabasas.com/emergency.html . Mulholland Highway through this segment is topographically constrained. Widening the roadway to provide additional lanes would cause notable environmental and right of way impacts and would be cost-prohibitive, given the Project's Measure M budget. Also, please note that the roadway capacity bordering the City limits with other jurisdictions is also limited.
30	Verbal Comment	3/4/2020	Community expressed concern over future development and traffic impacts.	Traffic	All known future development projects have been accounted for in the traffic growth projection.
31	Verbal Comment	3/4/2020	On Topanga Canyon there is a wire mesh installation that the community referenced.	General Comment	Noted. The project will reference this installation.
32	Verbal Comment	3/4/2020	Community member stressed that many of the issues along the corridor have existed for many years and the community and the project should plan for the long-term future.	General Comment	Noted.
33	Verbal Comment	3/4/2020	Community member stated that drivers pass other vehicles in areas where passing is prohibited.	Safety	The project will implement signage to discourage this behavior.
34	Email Comment	3/7/2020	One of the company representatives asked me if I would be more likely to ride up Mulholland Highway in front of Viewpoint if there was a paved shoulder of sufficient space. While this would be a drastic improvement, there is still the danger of riding along a highway where vehicles are going 55 MPH or more. When I ride from Mountain Park and head West I prefer to use Dry Canyon Cold Creek even though there is more room and visibility.	Safety	Comment noted.

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35	Email Comment	3/7/2020	Heading West between Valmar [Old Topanga Canyon East] and Old Topanga [West] - Lack of visibility and space make it very dangerous to merge from the right hand side of Mulholland to the left hand turn lane to Old Topanga [cycling].	Safety	It is the intent of this project to improve the safety and accessibility of Mulholland Highway through this segment by lengthening left-turn lanes, increasing visibility, adding sidewalk, widening the shoulder and signaling Old Topanga Canyon Road West.
36	Email Comment	3/7/2020	Heading East between Old Topanga and Valmar – Lack of space (in parts less than a yard) between the driving land and the barrier does not give enough safe space between the a pedestrian or bicyclist. Especially if traffic is also heading West.	Safety	It is the intent of this project to improve the safety and accessibility of Mulholland Highway through this segment by lengthening left-turn lanes, increasing visibility, adding sidewalk, widening the shoulder and signaling Old Topanga Canyon Road West.
37	Email Comment	3/7/2020	Heading West between Old Topanga until the West end of Viewpoint – Lack of space, lack of a paved shoulder, rock debris, what little paved shoulder there is has been broken to pieces, trees and bushes infringe into the bicycle/pedestrian area.	Safety	It is the intent of this project to widen the shoulder of Mulholland Highway through this segment and to study the feasibility of installing retaining walls or other erosion control measures where erosion is prevalent, as noted in your comment.
38	Email Comment	3/7/2020	Heading East between the West end of Viewpoint and Old Topanga – Lack of space, uneven pavement in areas and untrimmed bushes.	Safety	It is the intent of this project to widen the paved shoulder of Mulholland Highway which will increase space for bicyclists. The project will also resurface Mulholland Highway to provide a level riding surface.
39	Email Comment	3/7/2020	Traffic back up in front of Viewpoint and at the corner of Valmar and Mulholland Highway during peak traffic hours, much of which is caused by both Viewpoint and Calabasas High School	Traffic	The proposed project improvements will help to alleviate this traffic. The intent of this project is to lengthen the existing turn lane through this segment to better manage peak traffic.
40	Email Comment	3/7/2020	Difficulty in turning left from Old Topanga onto Mulholland Highway.	Traffic	It is the intent of this project to signalize the Old Topanga Canyon Road West intersection to provide a dedicated turning phase and, thus, resolve this issue.
41	Email Comment	3/7/2020	Heading West on Canyon towards Mountain Park – on bicycle the shoulder is very narrow and there is little room for cars to safely pass. (this hill is known as Cardiac Hill by the local bicycle community).	Safety	It is the intent of this project to widen the paved shoulder of Mulholland Highway to improve the riding surface and provide additional space for cyclists.
42	Email Comment	3/7/2020	Using safer electrical transmission lines/components to reduce fire risk.	Utilities	This comment has been sent to SCE. SCE is the owner and operator of utility poles along Mulholland Highway.